



# PET WASTE



## DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 20% of the bacteria found in water samples in Seattle Washington and 25% in the Kansas City region were matched with dogs or pet waste.



## What Can You Do?

- ◆ Be Prepared, when you go on a walk take a plastic bag.
- ◆ Pick up pet waste.
- ◆ Remove pet waste from areas where children play.
- ◆ Keep pet waste away from vegetable gardens and water supplies.
- ◆ Don't add pet waste to compost pile – it won't get hot enough to kill disease organisms.
- ◆ Don't dispose of pet waste in the storm drain.

## Methods of Disposal

- \* Flush down the toilet.
- \* Put in the trash (check local ordinances).
- \* Bury in the yard.



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## Diseases that can be transmitted from pet waste.

**Campylobacteriosis** – bacterial infection – frequently causes diarrhea.

**Cryptosporidium** – parasite – symptoms include: diarrhea, Stomach cramps, nausea and dehydration – may be fatal to those with depressed immune systems.

**Toxocariasis** – roundworms – may cause vision loss, rash, fever, and cough.

**Toxoplasmosis** – parasite – symptoms include: headache, muscle aches, lymph node enlargement – may cause birth defects if contracted by pregnant women.



Please visit Fond du Lac County Urban Storm Water Management website for more information.  
<http://www.fdlco.wi.gov/Index.aspx?page=1094>